

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

CASE NO. 24-CR-20560

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

RODERICK VANDERBILT

Defendant.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3771, the United States of America seeks an order authorizing it to provide notice to the large number of crime victims in this case via a publicly accessible Department of Justice (“DOJ”) website. Under Section 3771(a)(2), crime victims have a right to “reasonable, accurate, and timely notice” of public court proceedings. In this case, the victims of the charged conspiracy to commit securities fraud are market participants who traded the stock of Vinco Ventures, Inc. (“Vinco Ventures”), a publicly traded company, between approximately November 2020 and approximately September 2024. These numerous individuals have not yet been fully identified and located. The United States estimates that there are thousands of investors who traded Vinco Ventures stock during the relevant period. Thus, it will be impracticable for the Government to identify and locate all investors and provide them with reasonable, accurate, and timely notice by mail of this case and any future proceedings.

Under such circumstances, Section 3771(d)(2) of the Crimes Victims’ Rights Act gives the Court the authority to “fashion a reasonable procedure to give effect to this chapter that does not unduly complicate or prolong the proceedings.” The Government seeks authorization to provide

notice to the potential victim investors through a public DOJ website at <https://www.justice.gov/criminal/criminal-vns/case/united-states-v-roderick-vanderbilt>, which would provide a provide a summary of the case, information regarding the case's status, and other significant case-related documents. The website also would contain an e-mail address and telephone number for a Victim Assistance Line through which individual potential crime victims could contact the Department of Justice with questions regarding the case.

The Court finds: (1) that the "multiple victim" provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3771(d)(2) apply to the above-captioned case; (2) that it is impracticable for the Government to identify and notify all of the direct and proximate victims of the charged offense on an individual basis at this time without unduly complicating or delaying the proceedings in this case; and (3) notice by public DOJ website is a "reasonable procedure" to give effect to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 3771. Accordingly, it is ordered that the United States is authorized to comply with 18 U.S.C. § 3771(a)(2) by providing notice to potential victims through a publicly accessible DOJ website, <https://www.justice.gov/criminal/criminal-vns/case/united-states-v-roderick-vanderbilt>.

Honorable David S. Leibowitz
United States District Judge

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